

Course: SLIS 711-Fall 2019

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Assignment: Handwriting Transcription

Due date: 11:59 pm, September 30

Grade Value: 10 points

As an archivist, it will be important to be able to read cursive handwriting. You are required to transcribe to the best of your ability 4 pages of the Micajah A. Clark journals, available here: <https://digital.library.sc.edu/collections/micajah-a-clark-journals/>.

You will do your transcriptions in a collaborative document, available here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NbaEaQgDFNz2ELwTsMth8QmPLoBvzRroIEofm1XCLE/edit?usp=sharing>. On that document you will find your name next to the pages you have been assigned. These correspond to pages in the journals.

This website from the National Archives provides some handy transcription tips:

<https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/transcribe/tips>

**Transcription Format:** Be sure to start each page with the journal page number at the top of the section. Do not edit as you transcribe: try to represent as thoroughly as possible exactly what is on the page.

As an example, please review the following digitized journal and transcription of the John Peyre Thomas diary volume 1:

Diary: <https://digital.tcl.sc.edu/digital/collection/thomasmull/id/162>

Transcription: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BMxxvJCKnzw85CyNSaBu2cyY-0mXWQuHxod3TsXdxE/edit?usp=sharing>

**Grading:** You will be graded on effort, and each full page of transcription you attempt is worth 2.5 points. *I will disable to link to the shared document after the due date (Sept 30, 11:59pm)* and manually upload grades to Blackboard. There are some available slots that I may open up at extra credit potential near the end of the semester should you need it.